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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/675,650; Filed: September 29, 2000
For: **PCA3 Messenger RNA Species in Benign and Malignant Prostate
Tissues**
Inventors: Busse *et al.*
Our Ref: 1619.0080001/JAG/CMB

Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 9, 2007, transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

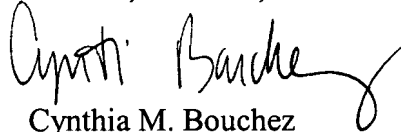
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("NNCA") dated May 9, 2007, which followed Applicants' Amendments and Remarks filed concurrently with a RCE dated February 15, 2007 (pursuant to Office Action ("OA") dated July 17, 2006, the Notice of Appeal and Amendment and Reply, both filed December 18, 2006, and the Advisory Action dated January 12, 2007), in connection with the above-identified patent application please consider the following.

It is not believed that extensions of time or other fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.